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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
the International Application of  
**Steven Baldwin McGowan et al.**  
International Application No: PCT/US00/05302  
Filed in the RO/GB on February 29, 2000  
Entitled: DETERGENT TABLET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the  
U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-23 and add new claims 24-53 to read as follows:

24. (New) A multi-phase detergent tablet according to claim 1 wherein the cogranulated  
detergency additive composition comprises i) from about 0.1% to about 60% by weight  
thereof of the polymeric polycarboxylate, ii) from about 40% to about 99.9% by weight  
thereof of the inorganic carrier, and iii) from 0% to about 50% by weight thereof of one or  
more organic auxiliaries selected from chelating agents, surfactants, polymeric disintegrants,